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Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday criticized the Irish court for refusing to allow an adjournment in the case of Miss Evelyn Glenholmes, the IRA terrorist suspect who escaped extradition to Britain on a technicality on Saturday.

DPP's office, should answer to the House. With Sir Michael sitting silently at his side, Mr Hurd explained that the Glenholmes extradition warrants had been considered defective because they had been based on evidence originally made on oath last October.

Six die as fierce gales and snow sweep country



The uprooted tree which crashed down on a makeshift classroom in Maidstone, Kent causing the death of a pupil aged 18

Tragedy as tree falls on school

A youth aged 18 was crushed yesterday after a 60-foot tree crashed into a makeshift classroom in Maidstone, Kent.

The south-westerly gales were caused by a "vicious depression" sweeping across England, bringing cold air into contact with the warmer air in the south and west.

Thatcher denies share deal

The Prime Minister last night repudiated reports that she had dealt in shares in her own name while Prime Minister.

Oil heads for \$10 with Opec in disarray

World oil prices are likely to resume their downward spiral after the crisis meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ended in disarray in Geneva yesterday.

Tougher line on smoking

Cigarette advertising is to be banned in cinemas and in magazines with young readers under a new agreement with the tobacco industry announced by Mr Norman Fowler.

Tomorrow Mothers of the future



Today's daughters are tomorrow's mothers - but how many will learn from the example of their own families?

Whitehall on the fence

Are there shocks in store for the Civil Service?

Portfolio

There is £4,000 to be won in today's Times Portfolio competition because there was no winner yesterday.

Spy claim

An Australian court has given Britain three weeks to detail objections to publication of a book by Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 man who accused Sir Roger Hollis of being a KGB spy.

Killer drink

Drink kills 25,000 people a year and the British drink twice as much as 20 years ago, according to a report which calls for new curbs.

Glenholmes hunt on new warrants

Nine fresh warrants for the arrest of Evelyn Glenholmes arrived on their way to Dublin from London yesterday at the beginning of the third big police hunt for the woman since Scotland Yard named her as a Provisional IRA fugitive to a London court in 1984.

In the meantime talks have been given in London between the Director of Public Prosecutions' office and Scotland Yard to prevent another legal debacle such as the one that freed Miss Glenholmes from an Irish court at the weekend.

One possibility being advanced by the police, still angry at the weekend's events, would be special legal teams that would handle the preparations for extraditing an IRA suspect and be on hand during the Irish court case.

Hailsham agrees to pay talks with the Bar

Lord Hailsham has agreed to pay negotiations with the Bar. He will ask the Cabinet to approve a timetable for the talks which look set to end the High Court dispute over criminal legal aid fees.

he issued the documents to a DPP official. The warrants were issued in November 1984 after a first set were described as defective by the Irish authorities, and the police have complained that they were left unchecked for 18 months.

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Heidi Koseda inquiry

Child's death leads to improvements in NSPCC's care services

By Gavin Bell

The case of a three-year-old child who was starved to death in her council house has prompted a big overhaul of child care services...

The inquiry, led by Dr Margaret Yelloly of Cocksfield's College, London, also found that staff supervision within the society was inadequate to detect the series of errors and deceptions...

We accept responsibility", he said. Dr Gilmour said the society had created 29 child protection teams, incorporating inspectors, special units and day centres...

The inquiry was ordered after police discovered the emaciated body of Heidi Koseda in a squalid flat in Hillingdon, west London, on January 23 last year. She had been dead for several weeks...

In a list of 35 recommendations to prevent a recurrence of the tragedy, the report welcomed NSPCC moves to improve the supervision and management of future cases...

Additional resources had been allocated to staff training, and all staff had been firmly reminded to follow the society's directives and to report immediately to their managers any circumstances in which they could not do so...

The inquiry found that a neighbour had alerted the NSPCC about possible ill-treatment of Heidi the previous September. But the officer concerned did not properly investigate the case...



Heidi Koseda, who may have eaten paper tissue trying to survive

authorities in Hillingdon to better coordinate their child care services. Dr Gilmour said the NSPCC welcomed the report, accepted its findings and had already initiated action on all its recommendations...

Father 'shook son to death'

A boy aged four months began screaming during a bath and was shaken to death by his father, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

died from brain haemorrhage. Mr Fitzpatrick told police that the boy's mother, Sarah, aged 19, was bathing him but he kept falling asleep.

a mercy that more harm was not done." The judge added: "I am sorry for you, but the maximum sentence is two years and I take the view that the circumstances of this case are serious enough for the imposition of that sentence."

He stopped breathing and was taken to hospital by ambulance but doctors lost a fight for the child's life. Paul Fitzpatrick, aged 19, unemployed, of Hollydale Road, Peckham, south-east London, pleaded not guilty to the manslaughter of his son, Dean Hussein, on March 24 last year.

He allegedly said: "I had him on my knee and was bouncing him up and down, but he still kept falling asleep. Then he started screaming, I kept shaking him and his eyes went funny. I did not mean to harm him."

Cooke, unemployed, and his wife Dawn, aged 19, of St Keverne, Cornwall, had both denied wilfully ill-treating their son, Daniel, who had six fractures to his arms, legs, ribs and skull in the first six months of his life.

'Satanist asked me for girls'

A prostitute yesterday said Derry Mainwaring Knight, the self-styled satanist, asked her to provide schoolgirls to have sexual relations with him.

Rail fears over coal ambushes

Gangs who have ambushed coal trains in the South Wales valleys were warned yesterday that their tactics could lead to a catastrophe.

'Aids risk' in surgery rubbish

Children were exposed to a "clinical cocktail of risk" including hepatitis and Aids from waste materials strewn outside a Bradford doctors' surgery, city magistrates were told yesterday.

Lorraine Haynes told Maidstone Crown Court that she refused, but found seven prostitutes and other girls for Mr Knight.

Two trains, each carrying more than £30,000 of coal, have been forced to stop by professional thieves blocking the line.

A girl aged five had gone home crying after pricking her finger on a hypodermic needle and a boy aged three had found a tablet he thought was a sweet, days before a complaint was made to the local Department of Environmental Health.

He paid her more than £4,000, she said. Miss Haynes, of Shoeburyness, Essex, was giving evidence at the start of the sixth week of the trial.

More than £5,000 of coal was stolen in the two raids and police believe it is being offered to householders cheaply.

Two Bradford doctors were fined £500 each and ordered to pay £49 costs after admitting failing to ensure the safety of the public from waste material at their surgery in Oak Lane, Bradford.

She admitted she worked as a prostitute in Southend. Mr Knight had made no mention of religion or anything to do with witchcraft, black magic or satanism during their relationship, she said.

The thieves then went to the wagons and dumped the coal beside the track so that accomplices could take it away in lorries.

They were Naeemullah Mir, of Malvern Grove, and Syed Muhammad Intiaz, of Box Tree Close, Bradford.

Mr Knight had made no mention of religion or anything to do with witchcraft, black magic or satanism during their relationship, she said.

Chief Insp Stephen Chapman, divisional commander of the British Transport Police, said: "This is an organized, dangerous and criminal operation."

Mr Bob Stewart, the doctors' solicitor, said that they had left the waste in plastic bags outside their premises and it was not their fault that it was later strewn about.

Pilfering of baggage at Heathrow 'a disgrace'

Pilfering of passengers' baggage at London's Heathrow Airport is becoming a national disgrace and judges who sentence thieves should have in mind a three-year prison term, Lord Justice Watkins said in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

pleaded guilty that should have merited reductions in all cases to two years' jail.

'Aids' woman spat court is told

Mr Michael McConnachie, aged 30, a store detective, told Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday that a woman who claimed to have Aids spat in his face after he detained her for allegedly stealing a purse on February 27.



Crowds milling round Eros whose unveiling in London's Piccadilly Circus was brought forward by bowling winds. Mr Ken Livingstone, the Greater London Council leader had planned to unveil it after a £200,000 restoration, but workmen beat him to it on safety grounds and the wraps came off 45 minutes before the official ceremony to reveal Eros's new bow and his repaired ankle and knee. The statue now stands on a new pedestrian piazza (Photograph: Dod Miller)

Raiders bind and rob pools millionaire

Two masked raiders bound and gagged Sir John Moores, the multi-millionaire founder of the Littlewoods pools and mail order empire, in his home.

Loan sharks warning on benefit claimants

Government proposals to offer interest-free loans to families living on supplementary benefit could drive them into the hands of loan sharks, the Family Policy Studies Centre said yesterday.

Pack to help computer registration

The Data Protection Registrar is concerned about the few companies which have registered their computer systems as the law demands.

Two men, armed with iron bars, broke into Sir John's £250,000 home, in Freshfields, Forthby, Merseyside, on Sunday evening. They smashed windows at the rear of the house and surprised Sir John's housekeeper, Mrs Pat Lewis, and her husband, Alf.

Replacing grants with loans would mean that low-income families had to pay for more out of their basic benefit, and the increase in benefit by £1.40 a week would not compensate for the £3 a week in benefits now received on average in grants.

Through their professional associations, they will receive a special instruction pack to help them advise their clients of the legal penalties they risk paying if they do not register.



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Research plea on hereditary handicap

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Research into early-stage human embryos should be legalized to help prevent hereditary handicap, according to a discussion paper published today.

The research was "morally and ethically just", the authors, Mr Peter Thurnham, MP, and his wife, Sarah, said. More than 14,000 infants in England and Wales were voluntarily registered as congenitally malformed within one week of birth in 1984, and about half of the annual 250,000 miscarriages before three months of pregnancy were due to chromosomal abnormalities in the embryo, they said.

The perfection of such diagnostic techniques could be achieved within three years, according to the most optimistic forecasts by doctors. Mr Thurnham, Conservative MP for Bolton North-East, and his wife have four children of their own and have adopted a multiple handicapped boy. They are founder members of Progress, a campaigning group which supports controlled research into human reproduction, infertility and congenital handicap.

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Court gives Britain three weeks to list spy book objections

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The British Government has been given three weeks to detail its objections to a manuscript by a former MI5 spy-catcher which it is trying to have suppressed in Australia.

The order by the New South Wales Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for an early hearing after more than six months of legal manoeuvring in the case in which Britain is seeking an injunction preventing the Australian branch of William Heinemann from publishing the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright.

Mr Wright, who retired from the security service 10 years ago and lives in Tasmania, caused a furore when he said during a Granada Television programme in 1984 that he was virtually certain that Sir Roger Hollis, his former boss, was a Soviet agent.

Britain launched its attempt to prevent publication in Australia of the Wright memoirs last year in an affidavit sworn by Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, in which it is alleged that the information Mr Wright has to impart is still bound by the Official Secrets Act.

In court here yesterday, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, appearing for Heinemann Australia and Mr Wright, said the defendants maintained that much of the material in the manuscript was already in the public domain and that there was nothing which could assist a hostile power.

What there was, he added, was information dealing with "crimes and inquiries", which should be published on the ground that it was in the public interest.

Fifteen of the 18 chapters of manuscript had already been forwarded to the authorities in Britain, with an affidavit sworn by Mr Wright to this effect. The defendants were willing to have the remaining three chapters delivered to lawyers acting for the Government and Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, but wanted the objections to the memoirs particularized.

Mr Turnbull said there were two main issues. The first was the question of contract, whether in fact the MI5 man had had a contract with the Crown at all. The second was confidentiality.



Sikhs blocking a highway leading to Batala in Punjab. Two people were shot dead near the riot-scarred town yesterday.

Tamil exiles ask Gandhi to intervene

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Sri Lankan Tamils in exile in India are openly urging Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, to send his forces to the island to end what they call "the ongoing process of genocide".

The exiles claim that the only way genocide can be stopped "and a just and lasting settlement achieved is by a humanitarian military intervention by India as the regional power".

They say the Sri Lankan Government's unilateral cessation of bombing by its armed forces would be meaningless unless its troops and auxiliaries were withdrawn or an Indian peace-keeping force sent to Sri Lanka.

Other Tamil exiles, notably Mr Appapillai Amirthalingham, the general secretary of the Tamil United Liberation Front, have compared the situation in Sri Lanka to that in east Bengal during the struggle for liberation from the West Pakistan Government. On that occasion, India intervened militarily on the side of the rebels.

But Mr Gandhi has ruled out the possibility of any armed invasion by his forces.

India, however, is using its diplomatic muscle to bring pressure against the Sri Lankan Government. The "good offices" efforts of India remain suspended and Western governments are being influenced to reduce contacts with the Sri Lankans.

India not bound by offer on Bhopal

Delhi (Reuter) — India is not bound by a proposed settlement with the US-based Union Carbide company that could give Bhopal poison gas disaster victims up to \$600 million (about £400 million), Mr Asoke Sen, the Indian Law Minister, said yesterday.

The minister did not categorically reject the settlement, announced by Union Carbide on Sunday, but he said it was not an agreement between the Indian Government and the company.

"The Indian Government will not recognize agreements arrived at by private parties," Mr Sen said, referring to a law passed last year giving his government the sole right to file suits against Union Carbide. India had agreed to be part of the class action suit, meaning that all the cases are heard as one, but insisted that it alone was the representative of all the claimants at hearings in New York.

The settlement announced by Union Carbide was agreed between the company and American lawyers representing plaintiffs from Bhopal.

More than 2,000 people died and 200,000 were injured in December 1984 when a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas leaked from a pesticide plant owned by Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary.

Thousands face deportation

Selfish deal with Delhi suspected

From John Best, Toronto

Sikhs in Canada have been convulsed by a recent decision of the Conservative Government to resume deporting east Indians living here in defiance of Canadian law.

They see it as an example of stiffening official attitudes, and suspect that it was taken either in collusion with Indian authorities or to ingratiate the Canadian Government with Delhi, or both.

As many as 2,800 Indians, most of them Sikhs, face deportation as a result of the lifting of a moratorium in effect since the storming of the Golden Temple at Amritsar in June 1984.

Sikh spokesmen have maintained that in ending the moratorium, which was first imposed out of compassion for Indians who feared returning

Sikhs in Canada Part 2

to a Punjab homeland caught up in ethnic strife, Canada was condemning many Sikhs to interrogation by Indian police, to jail, torture and even death.

Most originally came to Canada to visit relatives, then applied for refugee status so that they could stay. Few qualified, however, the majority being unable to prove that they would be subjected to persecution if they returned to India.

Sikh leaders have made repeated representations to have the Canadian decision rescinded, but to no avail. They have hired a lawyer to pursue it further.

Sikhs appear convinced that the move was orchestrated by the Delhi Government and that Canada acquiesced for selfish economic reasons: closer trade and industrial development ties with India.

The announcement of the lifting of the moratorium came just weeks before a pre-Christmas trip to India by the Canadian Minister of External Affairs, Mr Joe Clark.

During that trip he went out of his way to show Canada's support for the Delhi regime in its fight against Sikh separatism and terrorism; he presented Indian authorities with the draft of an extradition treaty; and he pledged that Canadian intelligence would work with Indian services to counter Sikh extremism.

None of this, of course, was

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Four killed in mass escape from Sind jail

From Hassan Akhtar, Islamabad

At least four people, including a warder, have been killed and many more wounded in shooting during a jailbreak in Sukkur, in central Sind.

Thirty-five condemned prisoners escaped when about 50 armed men scaled the electrified fence, overpowered staff and broke open the cells.

It is not yet known whether political prisoners were among the escapees, three of whom were recaptured.

The jail superintendent was among those wounded on Sunday, and is critically ill. No arrests have been made.

There has recently been an upsurge of violence in Sind, the province of the executed former Prime Minister, Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Police told to shoot on sight in Bangladesh

Dhaka — A curfew and orders to shoot on sight have been ordered in the southern town of Sylhet after medical students clashed with local people (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The town's police chief said yesterday that residents and shopkeepers armed with knives and sticks, had attacked a medical college in the town, about 240 miles from here, in protest against students who forced shops to close during an opposition strike call on Saturday.

● Cabinet reshuffle: President Ershad has reduced his Cabinet to nine after 18 ministers resigned for parliamentary elections (Reuter reports).

The key defence, foreign affairs and information posts were retained.

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THE ARTS

Television
Stain of
darkness

In a programme which was not altogether easy to watch, Horizon (BBC2) traced the progress of AIDS from its juvenile life as an "obscure medical curiosity" to its present status as "one of the most lethal and perplexing diseases of modern times."

Why this should be so is not difficult to guess and last night's programme confirmed that, although it is not a general disease it is predominantly associated in the public mind with sex — largely homosexual sex and always promiscuous sex.

Of course this is morbid nonsense and dangerous nonsense too, since it increases the anxieties of those who may already be furtive about, or ashamed of, their sexuality. That is why a documentary such as this can be important.

And yet even within this careful exegesis there did creep in from time to time a certain apocalyptic strain, noticeable in some of the interviews with sufferers as well as in long-term projections of the disease.

Peter Ackroyd

The leading theatre openings before Easter. Sheridan Morley, in New York, interviews Larry Kramer (right), author of *The Normal Heart*, the AIDS play starting at the Royal Court tonight; and Lynne Truss meets Lesley Mackie, star of the musical *Judy* at the Strand

Drama of rage and despair

Early last year two very different AIDS memoirs opened in New York, both dealing with what had already become the plague-panic of homosexual communities there and elsewhere.

Down town at Joe Zapp's Public Theatre, and in stark contrast, was Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart*, a great cry of dramatic and journalistic rage at the way the AIDS catastrophe has been handled by and in New York City.

And intriguingly, it is *The Normal Heart* that seems to have captured audiences outside New York. It has already had 10 regional productions in America, another half-dozen are planned abroad.

Taking its title from a poem "I do have a lot of sympathy for Judy, though I'm sure she would have driven me crazy"



Getting the essence: Lesley Mackie as Judy Garland

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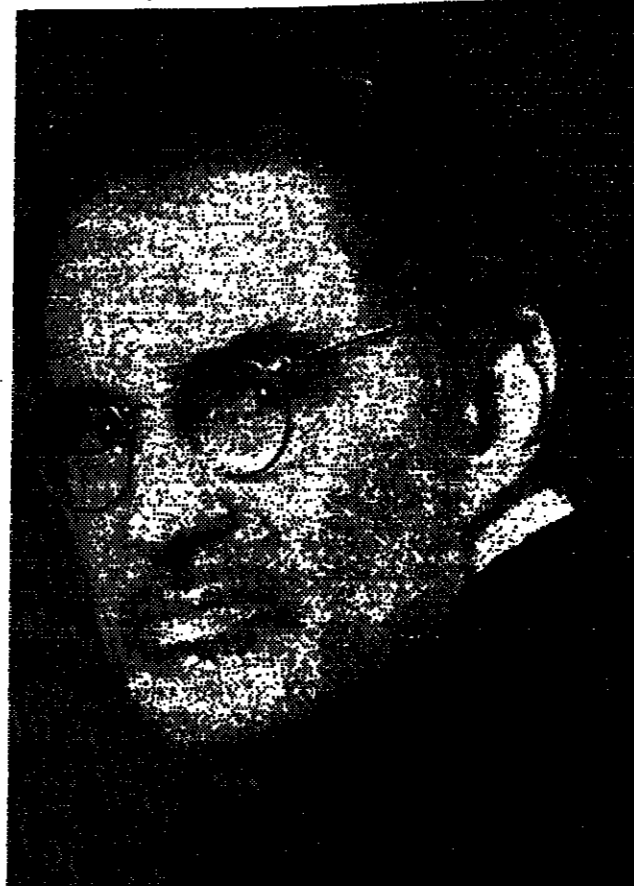
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Portrait of Sheridan Morley.

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Opera

The old menace remains

Don Giovanni Nancy

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This was the London Sinfonietta's farewell to the GILC, but not one hopes, to the kind of informal music-making that the partnership of orchestra and local authority has made possible.

Among the events on offer were a performance of *Pierrot Lunaire* by Linda Hirst and an evening focused on the music of György Kurtág, but my own tasting was of Sunday afternoon's programme including three first performances of works by Michael Rosenzweig.

In common with some of my colleagues, I find it difficult to put in a good word for Carl Orff's *Cantata Carnalis*, the work with which Klaus Tennstedt, happily back at work following his illness, mystifyingly chose to follow his Mahler of last week.

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And Stravinsky it was who provided the evening's real music, in the shape of the 1919 Suite from *The Firebird*. Although casting away the gloom of what went before was a difficult task, the London Philharmonic Orchestra, now restored to a more normal complement, did a fine job.

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Like mother, like daughter?

Feminism is often blamed for the erosion of the traditional family. In the first of a two-part series, Bel Mooney looks at how the modern woman sees her role

A son is your son 'til he takes a wife. A daughter's your daughter the rest of her life.

The traditional saying encapsulates within its neat, balanced structure a whole unbalanced world of expectation. Mothers produce sons to be unlike themselves, to go out and take their places in the world. They produce girls as mirror images of themselves, binding them emotionally for ever... of so the theory goes.

Warm lady baking bread in the farmhouse kitchen watched by daughters eager to learn; Victorian "angel in the house" breeding girls to be equally passive and decorous, fit to marry men of position. Certainly it is hard to abandon past images. The relationship between mothers and daughters is recognized as establishing patterns of attitude and behaviour which influence generation after generation — even if at some point one daughter rebels.

It was Freud who introduced us to the notion that the differences between the sexes arise from the fact that (for most people) the first most important person in each childhood is a woman. What do girls learn from their mothers? Why, to be mothers, of course.

And so the thinking still goes, despite 10 years of trumpeted equality under the law. Consider: in 1956 Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex* went into its second printing, and when *McCall's* magazine ran an article about unhappy wives and mothers, editors were amazed at the response; by 1966 *The Feminine Mystique* by Betty Friedan was selling well in paperback here, and

the Women's Movement had begun in America; by 1976, with *The Female Eunuch* already a classic, we had not only a Sex Discrimination Act and Equal Opportunities Commission, but the first woman leader of a political party.

Yet in 1986, when the increase in reported rapes shocks the nation, it is quickly whispered abroad that this is because feminism has made women abandon their traditional virtues, and poor mothers mean violent and disruptive boy children.

The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world, so it must follow that if the world shows signs of disease it is the fault of that first — mother's — hand. At the beginning of the sixties Betty Friedan wrote that mothers would always take the blame — so great is their perceived burden of responsibility.

Yet it is still sought. Clare Rayner's huge postbag convinces her that "the desire to be a married lady with children is constant". Friedan saw the process as inevitable: "... it is still easier for a woman... to live through her husband and children than to make a road of her own in the world. For she is the daughter of that same mother who made it so hard for a girl... to grow up."

De Beauvoir described the atavistic collusion: "My mother's whole education and upbringing had convinced her that for a woman the greatest thing was to become the mother of a family. She couldn't play that part unless I played the dutiful daughter." Of course few mothers want to break the mum-daughter-mum chain.



Sharing motherhood: Rose Massey and her adopted daughter Jackie



Generation gap: Caroline and Alice Scott, amused by their differences



'I think it is odd not wanting to have children'

Jackie Massey typifies the traditional attitude to motherhood — something of which she is proud. In 1958, at the age of 17, she gave birth to Daniel, after a stable relationship with her boyfriend Paul since she was 15. He is 10 years older than her, and works as a painter and decorator. They talk of marriage but Jackie sees no hurry.

On the surface, that marks her as a member of a more liberated generation; such ease of choice would not have been dreamt of when her mother, Rose, was 18. Still, Jackie's expectations and aspirations exactly mirror her mother's, and the two women share a particular kind of female closeness. Each day Jackie brings the baby to her mother's small South London flat.

Rose was one of a large family, and escaped from her strict Catholic girlhood by coming to England and quickly marrying Pete, a widower with a young family. "I'd always loved babies, and was always looking after them. Not so much dolls, I preferred the real thing! Always mothering." Rose, with her ready-made family, also wanted children of her own. When it proved impossible, she adopted Jackie: "That's why I always think it's so uncanny, how like me she is."

Despite her religion, Rose was "delighted" when Jackie told her she was pregnant. "I think I couldn't wait for the day when she'd have babies. It would be like having her all over again." Deep down I knew she'd have babies early. Of course Pete was upset at first because he wanted bigger and better things for her, but now he's happy.

And what did Jackie want? "Well, when I was a little girl I always played with loads of dolls. If I thought of a job it was a nursery nurse — always something with babies. I couldn't wait to have one of my own. I know you get some

women who don't want babies, but to me it's odd." As for the son who toddles round the tiny dining room, adored by his mother and grandmother, Jackie confesses that her boyfriend wants him to be tough, but she wants to "smother him, I suppose".

Girls like Jackie Massey shrug all distant notions of sexual equality aside as nothing to do with them. Yet Rose and Jackie have, in a curious way, their own matriarchal power: traditional and beyond the politics of housework. Much feminist literature ignores this; for example, two collections of writings (*Turning Back* and *Sweeping Statements*) have selections on everything from male violence to work — but none called *Motherhood*. It is as if the reality of women's inherited needs is too complex.

More recently, the "Earth-mother" myth has seen a revival, and the mother-daughter relationship celebrated. One American writer, Judith Arcana, asserts baldly: "Mothers socialize their daughters into the narrow role of wife-mother; in frustration daughters reject their mothers..." Such drama ignores the fact that many daughters want so to be "socialized".



'Instead of choices, you must now have a career'

Such a mother is Caroline Scott. Her daughter, Alice, is 17 and a pupil at Queen's College, the Harley Street girls' public school. Caroline was frustrated in her ambition to go to university and is disappointed that Alice has rejected her own chance. Caroline, divorced when Alice was six, has always worked as a secretary and believes in most liberal feminist ideas: Alice wants a white wedding, and rejects them. The two seem amicably amused by their differences. Mrs Scott says that, because the horizons were much narrower when she was a girl, she always assumed she would get married and have children. Which seems

more important in her imagination, marriage or a job? "Marriage. I feel I would put a lot into it... you know, in the summer I had this really romantic picture of me sitting in a big garden and my husband coming home from his work... but now you aren't really allowed to say that! Oh no — you must think of a career. I think it's bad that you are made to feel guilty for wanting to be a wife and, bid mother."

It's really backfired, this feminism, so that instead of having choices, you're supposed to want an independent career. I get really angry and find myself veering in the opposite direction, just to be different!... I think that everybody still thinks that a woman should look after the child, and the man have a job. I think that lots of girls of my generation have that idea, whereas in the older women who don't, I know I should want to look after my own children. I would never expect my husband to give up his job."

Alice admits that she reaps the benefits of change. For instance, she would insist that her husband help with the children — although, like her own mother, she would like help. She would assume that help, and object if it were not given. And as for a daughter of her own... "I'd want her to know that an education is important, so she won't just have to rely on getting married." Like her own mother, in fact? "Well, yes."

And what if Alice's daughter rejected her ideas, and opted for feminist celibacy? "It would shock me, because I'm not like that. Because I'd wanted children. But I wouldn't push her. I'd tell her it's possible to be a mother, and have her views. But I wouldn't argue with her, because honestly, my mother has never said to me, 'You must think like me'. So I wouldn't either."

Like mother, like daughter, despite the differences.

TOMORROW

Can motherhood and a career be reconciled?



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Pathways through the maze of power

The division of authority between minister and civil servant is in theory finely drawn. In practice, as Colin Hughes reports in the second part of his series, it is far from clear

Civil servants live in a twilight zone, the silhouettes of their power and status appearing behind a veil of anonymity. The landscape they inhabit is constantly shifting. Governments come and go, sometimes throwing up earthworks, sometimes relying on trimming hedges. Some observers, looking today through aerial photographs, detect traces of a tremor which has marked the course of Britain's resuscitation. On one day last week the items of news coincided, highlighting flux at all levels: staff the main London passport office walked out in a row over technology; the Government looked down on GCHQ staff who've rejoined unions; and Clive Ponting published a book depicting Whitehall as a sorry tale of greed and farce.

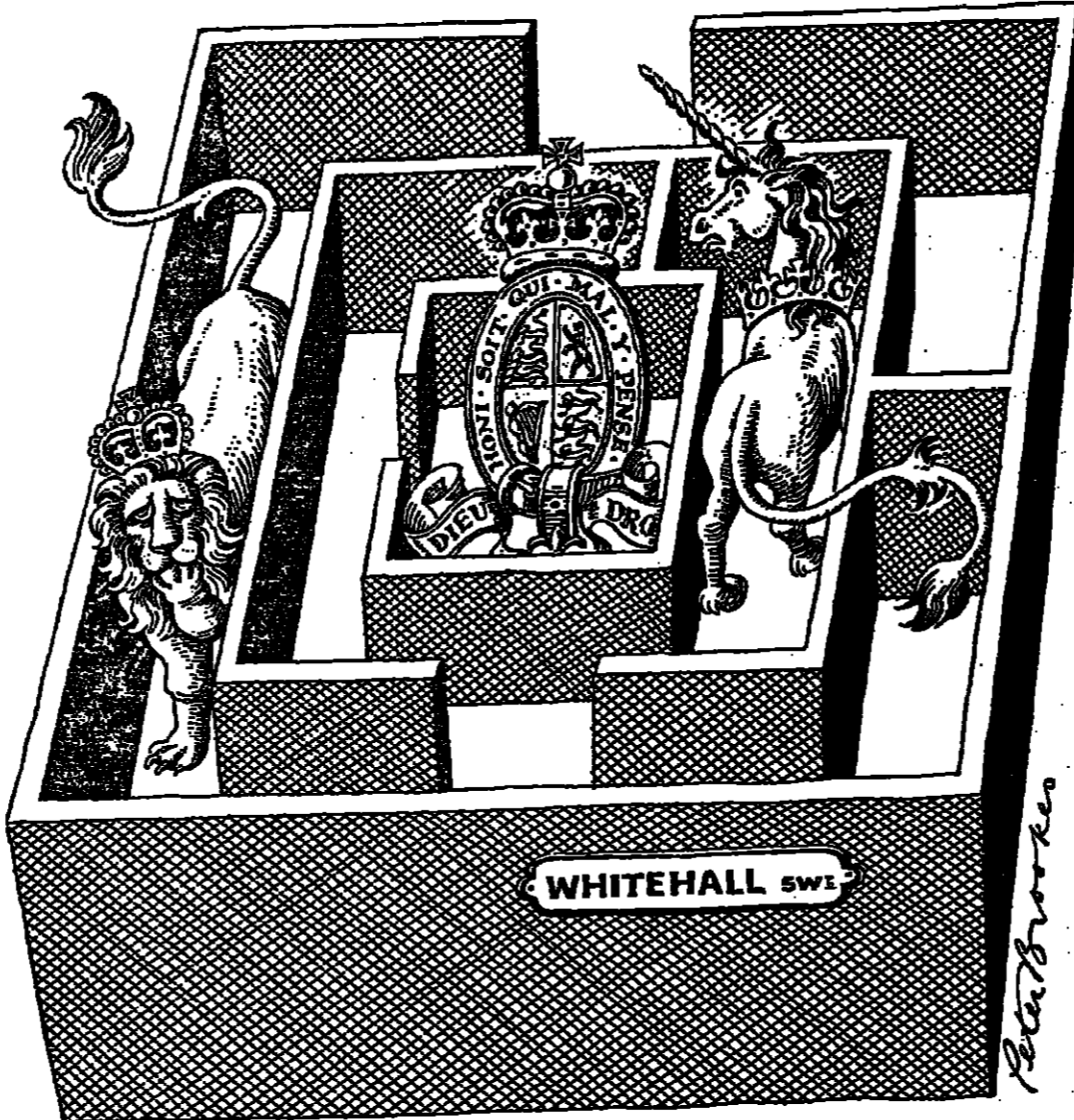
Ministers can't know all that goes on in their departments

...ory, using a textbook to find our way around the Civil Service could be like finding your way around London on foot with nothing but a Tube map. That is an entire industry has recently grown up to help companies of campaigners penetrate Whitehall's inner sanctum. Andrew Gifford used to be an adviser to David Steel. At the beginning of Mrs Thatcher's first term he joined fellow ex-advisers Edward Heath and James Laghlan to guide clients through a shifting maze. He found "a lot of public relations companies will have a minister and permanent secretary in for lunch once a year and feel that was sufficient". The prime qualification of the modern professional lobbyist is that they know the names of secure principals and assistant secretaries who actually write the papers on which ministers decide policy. Decisions are frequently made in the large grey areas where civil servants act on their own initiative, neither informing nor consulting their ministers. A former London-based diplomat points out that, if he had received a telephone call at 5 am from the British official at the United Nations asking how he should behave in the next five minutes, he would have been crucified if he'd woken a minister who only went to bed at 2 am after a late evening vote. "I would tell him to go to bed, and report it to the minister later in the day."

ambiguities of authority can lead to acute embarrassment. In principle, civil servants are the estate managers who stay on, while their landlords chop and change according to the electorate's whim. In fact, once in power, most ministers are persuaded by Whitehall's appeals for "reality". As Sir Patrick Nairne, former Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, says: "When they have a chance to know what the facts are, they sometimes think the existing plans are exactly what they want."

The Civil Service knows the life of the land, and is far better able to study the implication of opposition policy than the political parties themselves. Mandarins say they draw their own manifesto pledges more often than they suffer abuse for trying to thwart ministers' aims. Recently, for example, civil servants had to give firm reminders to the Scottish Secretary Malcolm Rifkind and the Agriculture Secretary Michael Jopling of the government's policy to privatize lands owned by the Forestry Commission. The departmental ministers seemed to have hoped this had been forgotten.

William Plowden, a former civil servant who is now director of the Royal Institute of Public Administration, argues that: "The doctrine of ministerial responsibility for departmental acts no longer fits the facts of governmental life at the end of the twentieth century. Ministers cannot know all that is going on in their departments and, when things go wrong, they usually do not resign."



mistakes, and ministers for policy failure. John Ward, general secretary of the First Division Association, asks: "Do officials now carry the can for the mistakes of their ministers?"

The traditional rules were restated in classic Whitehall form last year by Sir Robert Armstrong. The core of the code was punchy and unequivocal: "The Civil Service as such has no constitutional personality or responsibility separate from the duly elected government of the day". The document was intended, in Sir Robert's words, to "steady nerves" after the Ponting trial; it has in fact spurred the backbench Conservative

presentations to her at 10 Downing Street the Civil Service began to argue over the timing of the three shows. By the time the process was over it was clearly too late to work the road link into the best option. Any lobbyist who had relied on the fact that the Prime Minister supported his client would have been sorely disappointed.

resignation. Norman Tebbit and the civil servants have ensured that, when the White Paper is published in April, the clause will have reappeared. Organization-chart signposts often lead down empty alleyways. Permanent secretaries frequently have little more control over branches headed by deputy secretaries, or units mastered by under-secretaries, than the chance to correct spelling in papers before they get to the minister. Sir David Hancock, head of the Department of Education and Science, was regarded as a star at his home in the Treasury, but has found it hard to gain control from overburdened and frustrated deputy secretaries. Half the problem lies with Sir Keith Joseph's failure to override officials. Deputy secretaries like Clive Savile, running the higher education branch, are caught between bodies like the University Grants Committee and the deep blue pool of right-wing backbench pressure. Mrs Thatcher's preference for "doers" above thinkers has made recent permanent secretary appointments controversial. Although the club is still marked by Oxbridge career men who have spent their entire working lives in the insulated Whitehall world, the majority are now models of post-war meritocracy.

appointed another activist, Michael Quinlan, instead. Had Derr stayed, his cold relations with Number 10 would have left him on the sidelines, and he retired early to become director of the Policy Studies Institute. Quinlan has started the Downing Street policy unit, which prides itself on being able to pre-empt the cumbersome bureaucracy with quick policy drafts, by instructing his staff to research and write papers literally overnight. The career advance of Nick Monk, a leading Deputy Secretary in the Treasury, is blocked by his critical view of the Government's economic policy, while Sir Peter Middleton's reputed sympathy won him the Treasury Permanent Secretaryship, second only to the Cabinet Secretary in Whitehall status and, along with Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse at the Ministry of Defence, the only civil servant position to be paid the top salary of £70,000. Throughout the Civil Service there have been appearances of change. But Whitehall is still dominated by civil servants who entered the system almost straight from university and expect to remain until they retire. The vestige of private sector styles

Do officials now carry the can for their ministers?

dommed in recent years is superficial. Last year Geoffrey Fry, in his book *The Changing Civil Service*, pointed out: "The Civil Service has little choice about wearing the currently fashionable clothes, but much the same clothes remain underneath."

Recent attempts to bring administrators in from outside have enjoyed mixed success. Montagu Alfred Johnson as chief executive of the Property Services Agency when corrupt staff were being weeded out, was obliged to leave after a short stay. His private sector approach fell flat and he was frozen out by career civil servants. Real change in the terrain is gradual and long-term. A widening generation gap is causing concern among those at the top of the pyramid. The new breed of young civil servants have no abstract commitment to a prestige public service ethic. For them it is much like any other job.

The Management and Personnel Office's principle that a "career Civil Service" means "a staffing policy based primarily on recruiting people as they leave the education system, and retaining them in the service until they retire", is being irresistibly undermined. Wider social forces of take-it-or-leave-it individualism, along with demands for technicians who are both managerially experienced and specialist-trained, make that pattern look as outdated as medieval open fields.

TOMORROW
How will Whitehall absorb the political shocks in store?

A SECURE JOB WITH PROSPECTS

See Partridge was attracted to a career in the Civil Service by its prospects of secure, long-term employment and the opportunities it offered for promotion. Eighteen years later she has advanced from an £8-a-week clerical assistant to £11,000-a-year higher executive officer in the Department of Trade and Industry's north-west regional office.

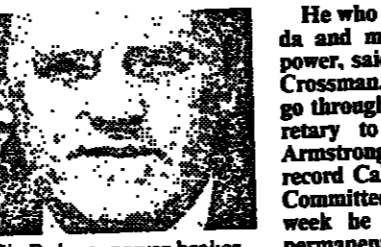
Department of Health and Social Security and not getting immediately what they thought they were entitled to. Mrs Partridge has responsibilities that in the private sector would probably earn her more money, but she is satisfied with her lot. "The image may be dull but the reality is far from that. The Civil Service still offers secure employment and good opportunities for promotion in return for hard work. It is especially good for women because of its equal opportunities and you don't always get that in industry even today."

'The image may be dull, but the reality isn't'

says, is much changed since she arrived. "The service is smaller now, it has been streamlined. When the cut-backs were announced morale in the service was low. But now they have happened the morale is going up again. "When I first came into the service people had a high regard for it and for civil servants. But we did go down in the public opinion. It happened around five years ago. It was a time when more people were becoming unemployed and going to the

ARMSTRONG THE ARCH-MANDARIN

Sir Robert Armstrong is the real-life Sir Humphrey - Secretary to the Cabinet, Prime Minister's confidant, arch-mandarin - who has entered the limelight over Westland. Ponting, GCHQ, and wielded growing influence since his appointment five years ago. He wears a double crown: he is also Head of the Home Civil Service, a combination of jobs that critics say sits uneasily on one pair of shoulders. (He says the latter post is largely titular). If anyone can resolve the apparent contradiction of simultaneously acting as Mrs Thatcher's right-hand man and the senior representative of the Civil Service, he can. Even critics concede his brilliance in the traditional mandarin skills.



He who controls the agenda and minutes wields the power, said the late Richard Crossman. Ministers must go through the Cabinet Secretary to raise an issue. Armstrong and his staff record Cabinet and Cabinet Committee decisions. Each week he meets his senior permanent secretaries; ministers rarely discuss policy outside the Downing Street meetings where procedure is formal. Since he may yet play a leading role between Buckingham Palace and the candidates for government after a hung general election, an apolitical reputation is critical. Armstrong was principal private secretary to both Heath and Wilson. Just 59, he is due to retire next March.

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The dotty dictionaries

J.L. Carr, who runs an eccentric publishing house from his spare bedroom, celebrates 21 years in business

dislike of taking themselves off. This, in his *Dictionary of Pretates, Parsons, Vergers, Wardens, Sidesmen & Preachers, Sunday School teachers, Hermits, Ecclesiastical Flower Arrangers, Fifth Monarchy Men and False Prophets*: "Charles Waterston of Walton Hall, Essex, churchwarden c. 1862, was said to be able to scratch his neck with his big toe and customarily, while entertaining church dignitaries, to dine beneath the table, the while growling and snapping at guests' ankles". Most of the 87 titles, which now have a combined sale of 500,000 copies via 180 booksellers, are highly selective reprints of the standard poets. Carr believes that 16 pages of poetry on the trot is quite enough for anyone. Some are

printed upside down and back to front, the idea being that the second division poets, having gone through the greats, merit just eight pages. Hence Rupert Brooke is laid end to end with Wilfred Owen, each commanding their own front cover and meeting in the centre fold. Annual sales are now 53,000, each volume selling for 40p. Morality colours the business: "My father was a Methodist local preacher, and this inhibits me from publishing sex literature which everyone says sells well. I had deep heart-searching with the title of my *Dictionary of English Queens, Kings' Wives, Celebrated Paramours, Handfast Spouses and Royal Change-lings*.

"If I could have brought myself to have inserted concubines, it would have sold several more thousand copies. Handfast Spouse means the same thing, but most people believe her to be a plain cook."

Selling, says Carr, has been the hardest bit. When he embarked on the sales slog, he was so naïve that his first visit was to a Dunchurch sweetshop. The woman behind the counter was so astonished at being offered the works of John Milton, that she paid him straight from the till.

"Would I advise anyone to set up as a publisher? It is quite impossible to answer. So many things enter into it - temperament, family, business sense, health. The best way is to find yourself a publisher without meaning to be: it saves no end of anguish. For instance, I took it up because John Clare's great-grandson, a retired Co-op milkman, lives two or three doors down the road. But that is another story."

Alan Franks

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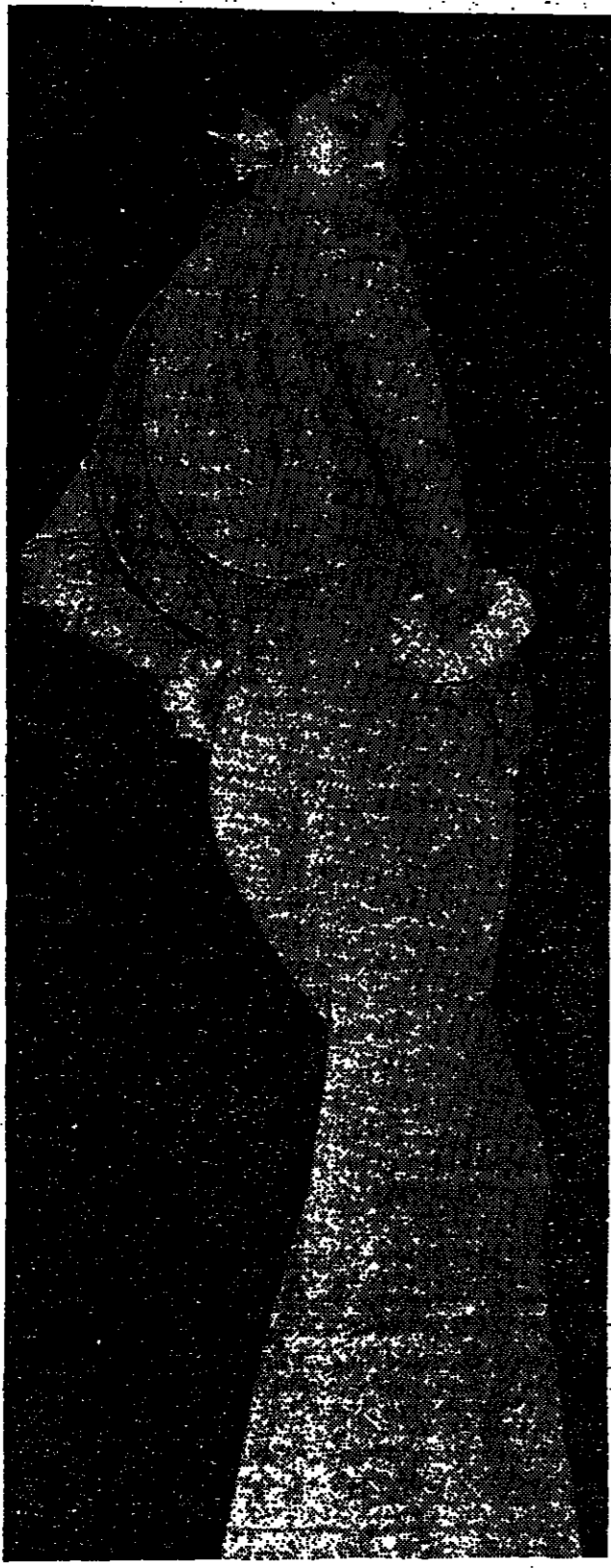
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SWING and CLING



INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIONS

PARIS

The buzz word in Paris is 'cohabitation'. It expresses, with a risqué ring, the facts of French political life. And while the Left is bedding down with the Right, fashion is also swinging between conservative and radical chic.

A return to tailoring and to the roots of French couture is giving us a seductive Paris season. But streetwise designers strike a harsher note with sober colours, strict lines and a Marxist message.

Swing and cling is the fashion story. A ballet theme brings puffed skirts, peplums that swirl like a tutu, full-skirted riding coats and anything - from a cape back to a fluted hem - that can give us a runway whirl.

Against the swing are figure-hugging jersey and finely-seamed flannel, both favourite fabrics for the tubular dresses that are a star garment of the season.

The two trends cohabited perfectly in Claude Montana's collection, where perky jackets, impeccably cut in blonde cashmere, swung out like Baby Doll nighties over skinny suede trousers. This was a strong silhouette to match the big-shouldered outline Montana gave to the fashion world exactly ten years ago. He has now softened those shoulders on his new full-skirted coat.

Montana's attention to detail remains exceptional: wool jacquard embroidery on forest green suede (a Paris colour), gauntlets cuffed as falcon's wings and ice crystal beading.

Müglér played it cool - if that is the word to describe his curvaceous ice maidens, their bodies sculpted in pastel tailoring, snowflakes worked in relief on their sweaters or crystal studding their vanilla chamois leather suits.

All this was fun, and part of a fashion spectacular that included a lunar landscape set, a team of huskies, commissar dresses draped like the Russian flag, and a swan lake of tutus.

Behind it all were convincing dresses, wide-shouldered, narrow in the skirt, the line softened with asymmetric drapes and peplums. Shaped Louis heels for shoes and boots brought a new look.

Gaultier went for an A-line silhouette that looked new, young and fresh. He also produced the most original show, sending his garments out singly down a snaking catwalk that led to scaffolding. There the 100 models posed on turntables, swung their legs and showed off Gaultier's constructivist chic. For his most street-conscious of designers has taken the Marxist philosophies of disaffected youth, and worked it into clothes cut in sombre military colours - black, bottle green and blood red, splashed with Cyrillic lettering.

Constricted tailoring was all in the upper part of the body, with the bar of the A drawn across the thighs. Below that, skirt hems were edged with fur, stitched into a balloon knit of pleats or made in wet suit fabric to stand away at the knees.

The newly-restored Louvre courtyard was the setting for the main fashion shows. The young designers showed under the vault of the Beaux Arts. They back tailoring and the art of couture cutting, with both Doby Broda and Prémontville Dewarin shaping tailored suits and dresses. Their muse is the Chanel of Karl Lagerfeld, who yesterday morning further updated the Chanel classics, tucking the tweed suit in at the waist or putting a swingy three-quarter jacket over a long skinny skirt. Houndstooth is the bold new trend; lace is used for shapely evening sheaths.

Karl Lagerfeld had already produced his best collection so far, under his own label, using the swing and cling theme for fluid tailoring and for a new skirt bias-cut from the calf. The best of the shows have shown that couture elegance and body-conscious sexiness can cohabit in Paris fashion. King of the curves Azzedine Alaïa and king of couture Yves Saint Laurent, have yet to show.



Above: Thierry Müglér's twirling tutu. His ballerina silhouette brought small waists and peplums over narrow skirts and trousers. The same shape grows down to make the long swirling riding coat that is a Paris favourite. Above left: Claude Montana's cling and swing on a skinny grey jersey tube flaring into a cape back. The swingy top also made a short and wide jacket shape for Montana. Top right: Chanel seaming. Twin tucks nip the waist of Gaultier's new suit with a slim on-the-knee skirt. His revamp of Chanel revitalises couture tailoring and dog tooth tweed, which are seen all over Paris. Right: Gaultier's constructivist chic. The fitted tunic over a flared skirt makes an A-line silhouette and eases the strict line. Russian letters band the sleeves

Photographs by Harry Kerr

TUTU MUCH

Karl Lagerfeld has found a new role model. The designer now sees himself as the Sun King.

By the standards of men's fragrance launches, Lagerfeld's takeover of Versailles was impressive. Firstly there was the sight of Karl flanked on one side by Danielle Mitterrand and on the other by a pregnant Princess Caroline of Monaco.

The cavorting in tutus by the Monte Carlo ballet in the rococo gem of the Versailles theatre was a nice touch, for Karl's witty embroideries of the season are based on ballerinas. It was clever to out-twinkle the Galerie des Glaces by the fireworks show on the lawn outside. The tour through Marie Antoinette's bedroom was a bonus. And the pyramid of lobsters stacked up to the ceiling looked good by the light of two thousand white candles.

Karl stayed up all night so as to be fresh for his Lagerfeld show. He then flew to Mosco for the Rose Ball and back afterwards to prepare for Chanel.

Maybe the designer who produces eight major collections a year isn't modelling himself on Louis XIV. But will he look his best in leotards and cape as Superman?



Lagerfeld's ballerina embroideries on crepe



Left: Comme des Garçon's pebble and check pinafore dress. Right: Yohji Yamamoto's slim-line tailoring and bandage-wrapped head



Creative cutting triumphed at Comme des Garçons. The pinafore was the newest shape, cut like an elongated tabard and played out on a theme of tweedy checks in a palette of black and white, navy and cream. Jersey, including a stiff foam-backed version, was the most important fabric. Designer Rei Kawakubo replaced her

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martial music with swing. Yohji Yamamoto bandaged his models' heads, but this looked sculptural rather than threatening - and so did the clothes. Yohji took a playful look at couture tailoring. Fitted jackets had castled hems puffed up as balloon

peplums. The rest of the lines were slim, with a witty nod to Chanel in checked tweed. While the rest of Paris went for sombre colours spiced with red, green and icy pastels, Issey Miyake went wild over colour: vivid mixes of apricot, violet and black, for knits that were held in shape with suspender clips.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 24: The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Westminster Abbey Trust, this afternoon chaired a Trustees' meeting and attended a meeting of the Council at Westminster Abbey.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 24: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Royal School for the Blind, this evening attended a Charity Concert at the Hamersmith Palace, London W6, in aid of the Royal School for the Blind and the Young Variety Club of Great Britain.

Forthcoming marriages
Mr C.D. Bellamy and Miss A.J. Duncan
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs P.D. Bellamy, of Thevdon Bois, Essex, and Andrea, second daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Duncan, of Clydebank, Scotland.

Mr N. Bugeja and Miss C.M. Shanahan
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Captain and Mrs Paul Bugeja, of Sliema, Malta, and Caroline, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Thomas Shanahan, of Wandstead, London.

Mr S.R. Cross and Miss L. Mackintosh
The engagement is announced between Stuart Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Cross, 8, Banchory Avenue, Glasgow, and Louisa Celia, elder daughter of the Mackintoshs, and Mrs Mackintosh, of Mackintosh, Moy Hall, Tomatin, Invernesshire.

Birthdays today
Sir Brian Bailey, 63; Mr Humphrey Burton, 55; Professor Sir Raymond Firth, 85; Professor Sir Patrick Forbes, 63; Mr Robert Fox, 34; Lieutenant-General Sir James Glover, 57; Mr David Hicks, 57; Professor Sir Norman Jeffrey, 79; Lord Jessel, 82; Mr Eton John, 39; Sir David Little, 78; Bernard Miller, 82; Mr Peter Orchard, 59; Lord Quinton, 61; Mr A.J.P. Taylor, 80; Mr Peter Walker, MP, 54; Sir Frank Young, 78.

Appointments
Mr Michael J. Hirst, Deputy Chief Constable of Lincolnshire, to be Chief Constable of Leicestershire, in succession to Mr Alan Goodson, who is retiring in June.
Mr R.C. Poulton, Headmaster of Wyckiffe College, to be Head Master of Christ's Hospital, Horsham, from January 1, 1987.

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The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this evening attended a Reception given by the Lord Rochester, as Pro-Chancellor, in the Chalmodeley Room, House of Lords, to mark Her Royal Highness's retirement from the office of Chancellor of the University of Keele.

Anglo-Arab Association and Arab League
Lord Rochester, Sir Richard Beaumont and Dr Adnan El-Amad, Director of the London Office of the League of Arab States, were joint hosts at a reception at the Royal Overseas League, St James's, on Thursday, March 20, 1986, to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the foundation of the association and to mark Arab League Day 1986.

Luncheons
HM Government
Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House given in honour of the Arab community and members of the association were present.

University College London
Sir Peter Matthews, chairman of the college council, presided at a concert luncheon at University College London yesterday. Among those present were: Sir James Lighthill (governor), Sir John Hamblett (senior lecturer), Professor J. V. M. Martin, Professor P. V. Baker, Professor A. Abouzeid, Professor G. P. Burrows, Professor J. A. Powell, Wilcock, Professor L. Waldrop, Professor F. C. Griffith and Mr W. S. Wick.

Royal Society
The name of Professor M. Fleischmann, professor of chemistry, Southampton University, was omitted from the list of new Fellows of the Royal Society published yesterday. Professor P. B. Felgett is professor of cybernetics at Reading University. The name of Dr R. H. Michel of Birmingham University, was misspelled.

Eton College
The Provost and Fellows of Eton College have appointed Mr M.A. Nicholson as Vice-Provost in succession to Mr D.H. Macindoe.

Harrow School
The Duchess of Abercorn has been appointed a governor of Harrow School.

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Church news

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Wellington College, Berkshire
The following scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded in 1986:
The Wellington scholarship, J.P. The Bessons Scholarship, J.M.C. Smith.

Winchester College
Music exhibitions have been awarded as follows:
The Rev J. J. Ashton, Curate, St Michael, Leamington, to be Curate, St John, Leamington.

University news
Oxford
Elections
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Science report

Genes clue to origin of races

By Dorothy Bonn
The idea may seem breathtaking that the 4,000 million of us who inhabit this planet, with its myriad races, all originated from a handful of individuals who migrated from Africa.

Births, Deaths and In Memoriam

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Latest wills
Mrs Muriel Gwendolen Thurston Askew, of Chelsea, London SW1, left estate valued at £2,177 net. After several bequests and effects she left £23,000 and a fourth of the balance to the National Trust.

Science report
Glasgow
Dr Ann Barrett, consultant radiotherapist and honorary senior lecturer at the Royal Marsden Hospital and Institute of Cancer Research, London, has been appointed to the new chair in radiation oncology from July 28.

MR STANLEY WOOTTON

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1394.6 (-17.6) FT-SE 100 1663.9 (-24.4) USM (Datastream) 119.28 (-0.06) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4900 (-0.0210) W German mark 3.4039 (+0.0162) Trade-weighted 75.9 (unchanged)

Holidays expansion

International Leisure, the holiday company formerly known as Intasun, is raising £28.3 million by way of a rights issue. The money will be used to finance further expansion.

Board switch

Dame Jennifer Jenkins has retired as a non-executive director of J Sainsbury, the supermarket group, after five years on the board.

Stetley up

Stetley, the construction materials and quarries company, made pretax profits of £36.8 million in 1985, up from £32.7 million.

Profit down

Sovereign Oil & Gas yesterday reported a pretax profit of £12.5 million for the year to December, down 31 per cent. Turnover rose 7 per cent to £58.3 million but profits were reduced by operating costs up 16 per cent and exploration write-offs more than doubled.

Poor training

Inadequate industrial training was largely to blame for Britain's decline in manufacturing, Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, told an Engineering Industry Training Board conference at the weekend.

Barrow climbs

Barrow Hepburn's pretax profits rose from £1.6 million to £2.2 million last year. Turnover was 11 per cent ahead at £45.6 million.

Indicator up

The longer leading indicator for the British economy rose strongly last month, mainly as a result of rising share prices. But officials say that the cyclical indicators, which a year ago were pointing to a downturn in economic activity, are not providing a clear message about trends.

Wilkes audit

James Wilkes has had his accounts qualified by the auditors on the grounds that a subsidiary's accounting records did not adequately identify and separately record development expenditure on major projects.

Elders to seek court block on commission disclosures

Elders IDC, the Australian brewery group whose £1.7 billion bid for the food and drink group Allied-Lyons was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in December, yesterday announced that it was going to court to try to prevent the commission disclosing confidential information to Allied-Lyons.

Mr Andrew Cummins, group director of strategy for Elders, said Sir Godfrey believed it was a requirement of natural justice that Allied should understand what Elders was intending to do. Allied had based its defence on the fact that Sir Godfrey was unavailable for comment yesterday.



John Elliott: secret tactics at stake

Mr Elliott declared at the time that a bid made in current market conditions would not be successful except at an unrealistic price. Allied's share price eased 8p yesterday to 32 1/2p and Elders' closed 5p lower at 168p.

Elders said it was trying to resolve a point of principle and was not trying to get into a fight with the commission. It said it was unprecedented in any leading financial centre in the world that a prospective bidder should be required to disclose his plans to the target company several months in advance.

MOD contract row flares as Swan Hunter revises offer

Amid a developing row over a £240 million contract for two vessels for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, the Ministry of Defence yesterday delayed a planned announcement on the placing of the order as Swan Hunter, the recently privatized Tyneside shipbuilder, disclosed that it had revised its tender offer.

Swan Hunter, which has given warning that 2,000 jobs could be at risk if it does not win the contract, has re-tendered "at a price we believe is competitive", said Mr Alex Marsh, one of the four joint managing directors at Swan Hunter, which was bought out by management two months ago.

But Harland yesterday gave its own jobs warning. The company said that the last vessel on its order book is due for delivery in early 1988 and that the auxiliaries contract would provide work for 2,000 of its 5,000 employees for three years.

Discount house mergers threatened

Two planned mergers of discount houses with financial services companies before the big bang in October were thrown into doubt yesterday by a development which took the sector by surprise on the stock market.

The board of Smith St Aubyn announced that it had received a rival offer to that put forward two weeks ago by Irving International Finance Corporation. It has advised shareholders to delay any decision on the Irving terms until details of the new offer have been announced, probably today.

PR groups plan £60m link-up

Addison Page and Chetwynd Streets, two of Britain's leading advertising and public relations groups, yesterday announced a surprise £60 million merger. The combined group, in which Addison Page will emerge as the dominant partner, will have profits of £4.4 million, a turnover of £57 million and a client list representing most of Britain's blue chip companies.

BT and Du Pont in joint venture

British Telecom is forming a joint venture with Du Pont, the international chemicals company, to commercially exploit its expertise in optical fibre technology. BT&D Technologies will be equally owned by the two companies and will develop, manufacture and market the transmitters and receivers used in optical fibre telecommunications.

Grampian profits leap

Grampian Holdings, the Scottish holding company with interests in transport, clothes retailing, sporting goods and animal medicines, produced better-than-expected pretax profits of £3.4 million in 1985 against £1.7 million in 1984. The shares bounced 22p to a record 245p before easing back to 238p.

Vinten release

Vinten Group is to pay £1 million to Computing Devices in return for being released from an advanced video recorder development contract placed with the Vinten Avionic Systems.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for STOCK MARKETS, GOLD, CURRENCIES, and INTEREST RATES. Includes data for New York, Tokyo, London, and various interest rates.

Bell withdraws BHP offer

Melbourne (Reuters) - Mr Robert Holmes & Court, the chairman of Bell Resources, has declared that he still wants control of Broken Hill Proprietary, which has annual sales of Aus \$8 billion (£3.8 billion), despite withdrawing his takeover bid yesterday.

Bell withdraws BHP offer

Bell Resources has withdrawn its bid, it could also give Mr Holmes & Court the chance to revise the bid - possibly downward - and resubmit it even more aggressively.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Opec puts paid to the cheap money mob

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries finally succeeded in getting at Nigel Lawson, but about six days too late. The postponement of the Opec ministerial meeting until April 15, by coincidence the day before the Chancellor's promised major speech on monetary policy, has put a damper on short-term hopes of lower base rates.

The Bank of England, having held back a baying mob of cheap money men at the end of last week, now looks secure with 11.5 per cent base rates at least until the Easter break, and probably until the provisional March money supply numbers on April 9.

Mr Padovan's value as a corporate finance expert is widely acknowledged. In City circles he is accorded much of the credit for building up County Bank's impressive client list in the 15 years he was there as director, chief executive and finally chairman.

Barclays coup

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The biggest loser in his current move is likely to be Hambros where he went from County as deputy chairman. Hambros was visibly delighted at his arrival, treating it as an endorsement of the quality of the bank. Mr Padovan's rapid departure may be a consequence of not having liked what he saw at Hambros from close quarters.

Another explanation for his rapid moves may simply be that he anticipated the City revolution too soon and felt that he was not best placed as the shape of things to come became clearer. At BZW his task will be to build up a strong UK and international corporate finance business from the relatively small foundations at BMB and de Zoete.

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WALL STREET

New York (AP-DJ)—Share prices plunged in the final minutes of trading on Friday as futures and options-related selling programmes flooded the market on surging volume.

This drastic slide, which took the Dow Jones industrial average into one of its biggest one-day declines ever, was the result of Friday's so-called "triple witching hour" — a quarterly event when inter-market players simultaneously close-out positions in stock index futures, index options and individual stock options.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Widespread profit-taking

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin March 10. Dealings end March 27. Settlement day, April 1. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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Why banks are keeping more risks off their balance sheets

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The banking supervisory machinery in most industrialized countries is grinding into top gear to deal with a problem that only relatively few people can claim to understand fully.

The problem is that of "off-balance sheet risk": how to regulate it and how to evaluate the dangers it throws up in comparison with ordinary banking business.

The arcane nature of much off-balance sheet risk makes the problem of supervision all

Sliding deeper into the bog of international debt crisis

the more complex, but this is no mere sideshow in the mainstream of banking business. Off-balance sheet risk of one sort or another has risen sharply in importance over the past three years.

No reliable figures exist for the City or anywhere else to show exactly how big the business has become. Indeed

the lack of standardized information is one of the chief problems the Bank of England is setting out to tackle.

But it is clear that many banks, large and small, have taken on commitments worth hundreds of millions of pounds which have so far slipped through the supervisors' net.

Off-balance sheet risk comes in many forms but, in general, it involves taking on a commitment rather than making a direct loan. The bank earns fee income from its clients for taking on the commitment, rather than earning interest as it would from a conventional loan.

The transaction does not, therefore, appear on the bank's balance sheet, but there is undeniably a risk.

The main reasons for the sudden popularity of this business lie in the basic change in banking over the past few years. As banks slid deeper into the bog of the international debt crisis in the early 1980s, their credit ratings

slipped and clients began to shy away from them.

At the same time the trend towards securitization of debt offered a neat way for corporate customers to bypass bank lending. The only way for the business was to stand in as intermediaries, arranging deals between principals rather than acting directly as lender or borrower.

Many banks may not understand the nature and size of the risks

Bankers have exercised their ingenuity in finding increasingly sophisticated ways of doing this, but supervisors are worried that many banks do not fully understand the nature and size of the risks they are taking.

Take a standby arrangement, for example. Most note

issuance facilities involve paper being issued by a commercial borrower and a guarantee by the bank arranging the deal to provide funds if the liquidity of the paper market dries up.

How often banks will be called on to honour these commitments is not known, but the Bank believes that the risk is greater than, say, with a traditional overdraft.

It remains to be seen what risk-asset weightings the supervisors produce to put beside the weightings laid down for conventional banking business.

It is possible that they will vary from country to country, giving the banks of some countries a competitive advantage, although banking supervisors from the Group of Ten industrialized countries committed themselves in the recent Basle Committee report to a policy of minimizing inequalities.

Whatever the outcome, it will be an important addition to the structure of banking supervision in all Western countries.

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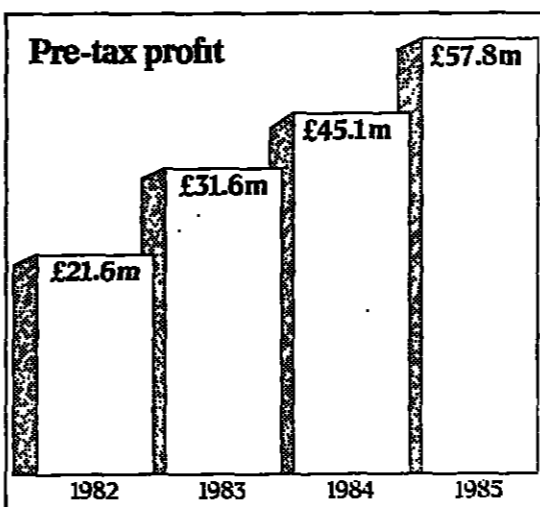
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IMI in 1985



A record year

Profits up 28% to £57.8m
Earnings up 39% to £40.1m
Dividend up 16.7% to 5.25p
Net borrowings down by £31m

Sir Robert Clark, Chairman, reports on an encouraging year.

"Our sales, pre-tax profits, return on assets and earnings per share are all records for the Company.

"Margins, at the pre-tax stage, were up overall from 4.7 per cent in 1983 and 6.1 per cent in 1984 to 7.5 per cent.

"Of our total sales, 52.6 per cent were made in the UK, 16.1 per cent by export from the UK and 31.3 per cent from overseas manufacture.

"We achieved the greatest improvement in refined and wrought metals, and two activities were primarily responsible: IMI Refiners and titanium, where turnover and product mix benefited from a substantial uplift in aerospace demand which seems set to continue for at least two or three years.

"In fluid power we made further progress on the excellent performance reported in 1984. Our general engineering and building products activities also did significantly better, as did heat exchange.

"In special-purpose valves our advance was more modest, but we were encouraged by some upturn towards the year-end. Only in drinks dispense were we unable quite to match last year's record figures, but the outcome was by no means unsatisfactory, and our confidence of future profits growth from this sector remains high.

"Our employees throughout the world have put a great deal of effective and dedicated work into achievement of these figures, and I express the Board's gratitude to them all.

"The current year has started well in most of our business areas, and I am confident of our ability to build further on our recent success."

Summary of results	1985	1984
	£m	£m
Turnover	766.2	737.9
Trading profit	63.7	52.6
Profit before taxation	57.8	45.1
Earnings applicable to shareholders (excluding extraordinary items)	40.1	28.9
Earnings per share (excluding extraordinary items)	14.9p	10.7p
Dividend per share	5.25p	4.5p

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COMMODITIES REVIEW

By Michael Prest

Faith keeps the sugar price sweet

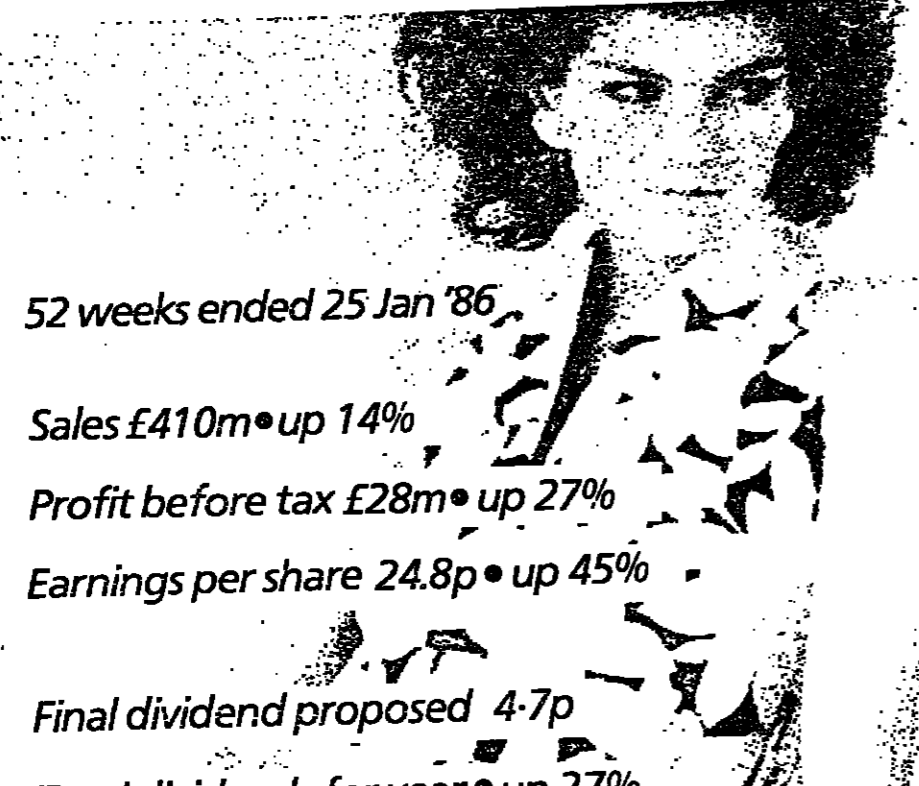
"Anticipation" the wise man said, "is enough to keep the market brewing lightly." Although it was not tea he had in mind the metaphor was more or less apt because we were talking about sugar. Since the beginning of the year sugar prices have risen by more than two cents to all of 7.5 cents a pound.

Sugar cycles are believed to run over six years from trough to peak. The last two bull markets conveniently reached their climax in 1974 and 1980. Perhaps we should not turn the precise number of years into a fetish, but the logic is reasonable. Expanding or reducing the volume of any crop takes time, including the realization by farmers, refiners, governments, traders and consumers that prices are too high or too low for their particular needs.

Consumption in developing countries has been restrained by the slump and until recently by the strong dollar. It is noticeable that the increase in consumption over the past 15 years from 76 million tonnes to a forecast 98 or 99 million in 1985-86 decelerated sharply after 1983-84.

The key here is production. The long-term factor is the slow adjustment of output to low prices. Nobody can make money from sugar at less than 12-14 cents a pound, and even then only the very cheapest would survive - for example, some parts of Brazil. At the less than 3 cents prevailing last year - probably the lowest real prices ever - it was inevitable that farmers would start to grow less sugar.

in the European Community is forecast to fall by 2-3 per cent as the less generous sugar regime begins to change farmers' views about the profitability of the market. Governments simply cannot continue to protect their national sugar industries indefinitely when production costs are a sizeable multiple of freely traded prices.



52 weeks ended 25 Jan '86

Sales £410m • up 14%

Profit before tax £28m • up 27%

Earnings per share 24.8p • up 45%

Final dividend proposed 4-7p

Total dividends for year • up 27%

“Another year of strong growth expanded our share of the market and continued the improvement in profitability”

MAIL ORDER

Freemans PLC 139 Clapham Road London SW9 0HR

Bar fees case adjourned for timetable to be agreed

The Lord Chancellor would like to agree to this but he needs first to consult with his colleagues because the timetable for his final decision will include a date which could have implications for public expenditure.

“We would respectfully invite your Lordships to grant a further adjournment until Wednesday morning. This would give time for the necessary consultations which the Lord Chancellor will commence immediately.”

“The Lord Chief Justice: ‘Very well. On the assumption that matters, if they proceed, can be completed - if the negotiations break down - in the morning, well and good.’”

Solicitors: Lawrence Graham; Treasury Solicitor.

Adjudicator erred in disposing of appeal without a hearing

Regina v Immigration Appeal Adjudicator. Ex parte Rahmani and Others. Before Lord Scarman, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Roskill, Lord Templeman and Lord MacKinnon (Speeches read March 20).

“The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the adjudicator, Mr C. E. Diggins, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stephenson, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Goff) (1985 QB 1109) affirming Mr Justice Taylor’s order for judicial review of the adjudicator’s decision dismissing appeals by the respondents, Mrs Mahnaz Rahmani and her two children, from the refusal of the Secretary of State for the Home Department of an extension of their leave to stay in the United Kingdom.”

“The adjudicator had erred in exercising the power in rule 12 to determine the appeal without a hearing. The respondents, on being subsequently of their own volition, had sought judicial review of the adjudicator’s decision.”

“The principle accepted by the judge and the Court of Appeal was, if good law, of very great importance: it was that the decision of a public body, which was within the scope conferred by statute and had been reached without procedural impropriety or illegality on its part, could not be quashed by a court of law unless the power had in the circumstances resulted in an injustice of a substantial nature. Because of the importance of the point the House of Lords had given the adjudicator leave to appeal.”

APPOINTMENTS

DRG: Mr Ian Lawrie has been made a director. W.H. Smith & Son (Holdings) Lord Windlesham becomes a non-executive director from April 1. Norman Broadbent International: Mr T G Parry Rogers has joined the board as a non-executive director. Ship Mortgage Finance Co (SMFC): Mr Roger Hope has been appointed to the board. Hiram Walker International: Mr Richard Watling is the new director of marketing. Hambros Bank: Mr Edward Adeane has been appointed a director. Robertson Research International: Mr David Keith and Mr David Wilson have joined the RRI board and that of Robertson Research Petroleum Services. Davit International: Mr David Metcalfe has been appointed director of corporate development. Sentinel Life: Mr Michael Reid has been appointed executive chairman. Mr Ian Waddell managing director and Mr Keith Furniss sales and marketing director. Harris/3M Document Products Incorporated: Mr

Bernard Goodall becomes regional director. Colourgraphic Printers: Mr Nick Winks has been named group managing director. J. Rothchild Holdings: Mr Nicholas Roditi and Mr Clive Gibson have been appointed to the board.

Hawker Siddeley: Mr W J Richardson has been made managing director of Haddon-Oldham and chairman of Crompton Batteries, Oldham Batteries, Tungstone Batteries and KW Battery. John Mowlem & Co: Mr David Foster joins the board from April 8.

COMPANY NEWS

● BESTWOOD: Dividend for 1985 maintained at 6p. Turnover £4.43 million (£2.13 million). Pretax profit £683,000 (£264,000). Earnings per share 12.8p (4.2p).

● ARMITAGE BROTHERS: 28 weeks to Dec. 14, 1985. Turnover £9.58 million (£8.59 million). Pretax profit £246,000 (£366,000). Earnings per share 37p (56p).

Interim Statement of Results - 6 months to 31 December 1985


FROGMORE ESTATES PLC

Unaudited Results	6 months to 31 Dec '85 £000's	6 months to 31 Dec '84 £000's
Turnover	15,418	17,073
Profit before taxation	5,122	4,626
Taxation	(1,835)	(1,855)
Profit after taxation	3,287	2,771
Interim dividend - Net amount per share	1,945p	1,768p
Earnings per share	9.5p	8.0p
Estimated Net Asset Value Per Share	235p	209p
Contracted Rent Roll	£7,980m	£6,297m

Highlights from Chairman's statement

- * Record interim results with pre-tax profits 11% higher at £5,122m
- * Interim dividend increased by 10% to 1.945p net, payable 2nd May, 1986
- * Earnings per share have risen by 19% to 9.5p
- * Contracted rent roll £7.98m increased by 17%
- * Net Assets per share now estimated to be 235p
- * Group borrowings further reduced - less than £15m
- * Looking forward with confidence to Company's continued progress

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No power to review judge's order

Regina v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Raymond. Before Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Goff (Judgment given March 18).

“Orders made by a crown court judge that an indictment should lie on the file not to be proceeded with without the leave of that court or the Court of Appeal, were orders affecting the conduct of the trial and accordingly the Queen’s Bench Divisional Court had no jurisdiction to review the decision to make such an order under section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981.”

“The Divisional Court so held, refusing an application for judgment nisi for the defendant, Stephen Patrick Raymond, sought relief on the ground that the crown court judge had no jurisdiction to make such an order without the defendant’s consent. After sentence he had been arraigned on the remaining counts on the indictment and pleaded not guilty to them.”

Highway that is not a road is a 'road' within the statute

Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services. Before Lord Justice Goff, Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Goff (Judgment given March 17).

“The definition of ‘road’ in section 196(1) was any highway and any other road to which the public had access. That did not mean that a highway also had to be a road within the ordinary meaning of the word.”

“The suggestion in Wilkinson’s Road Traffic Offences vol 1, 12th edition, at p41 that the definition in section 196(1) should not include footpaths and bridleways was not accurate. Providing a footpath or a bridleway was a highway then they were unquestionably roads.”

Intolerable burden on tribunal

Baron v Secretary of State for Social Services. Before Lord Justice Goff, Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Goff (Judgment given March 17).

“Where a medical appeal tribunal had to assess the degree to which the pain and discomfort which the applicant suffered impaired his mobility, for the purpose of determining whether he was entitled to mobility allowance, it would be an intolerable burden if it had to make specific findings about the distance which he could walk and the amount of pain which caused him to stop walking.”

Marriage can be treated as binding

Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services. Before Lord Justice Goff, Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Goff (Judgment given March 17).

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Success in Europe for Silicon Alley

By Richard Sarson
Robb Wilmot's new chip-making company, ES2, European Silicon Structures, was looking for a work station of the right power to run its silicon design software at the least cost.



Robb Wilmot: Prospects in London's East End

It has found one in London's East End, Silicon Alley perhaps, at a company called Whitechapel Computer Works. The software will also be British written by Edinburgh-based Lattice Logic. But perhaps most important the ES2 connection will launch Whitechapel into Europe. Only a three-year-old company, it is only just dipping its toe into foreign markets and this collaborative deal could make Whitechapel the European leader for chip design work stations. It could do the same for Lattice Logic.

This catalytic effect on young companies was always one of the side effects Robb Wilmot hoped for in setting up ES2. Its corporate investors are Olivetti from Italy, Philips from Holland, Bull from France, Saab-Scania from Sweden, Brown Boveri from Switzerland, Telefonica from Spain and British Aerospace.

As well as money, these companies will provide ES2 with technical help and they are also likely to be Wilmot's first customers. So it is difficult to see how he can lose. They, too, are likely to gain technically and financially from the ES2 connection.

A notable absentee from the corporate backers is ICL, Wilmot's old company. This was partly because STC, ICL's parent, is in the custom chip business itself. And, in its present financial state, STC does not have much spare cash to invest. It will miss the catalytic effect.

Mr Wilmot has tried to give his company a European, rather than a national legal identity, but found that despite 30 years of trying, the EEC has not succeeded in creating a legal framework for a European company. So he did the next best thing, to incorporate the holding company in the smallest EEC country, Luxembourg, the seat of the European Court of Justice.

Good news for printer in software bridges

By Mike Gerrard
The good news for publishers and printers when writers started using word-processors was that bulky, untidy manuscripts could be done away with and it became possible to edit and typeset direct from disks.

The bad news, as it usually is when you start dealing with computers, was incompatibility. Fine if printer, publisher, and author all have, say, an IBM-compatible personal computer and a copy of Wordstar, but if the author has used a different piece of word-processing software, then it is no good printer or publisher trying to load it into their own machine using Wordstar, as the software will not recognise it.

You could go out and buy the same piece of software, but with a few hundred word-processing programs for PC machines alone, this could prove a pretty costly and complicated solution in the long run. And what do you do if your writer does not have a PC machine, but perhaps uses a BBC, an Apricot, or the Amstrad PCW? Do you try to cope equally well with 5 1/4-inch disks, 3 1/2-inch disks, and 3-inch disks?

Wherever there is an incompatibility problem, however, be it marriages of micros, there is usually money to be made by anyone prepared to take the trouble to solve it, and in this case it is a company called InterMedia from Lewes in East Sussex, whose Multi Media Converter is now turning over more than £1 million a year for them, not just from publishers and printers, but from banks, government departments, software houses and other organisations, both here and abroad.

The heart of the system is a Zenith Z-100 which in addition to 5 1/4-inch disks can be adapted to take 3 1/2-inch, 3-inch and 8-inch disks, as well

as half-inch, 9-track magnetic tape. Having connected the hardware, the software allows you to load in any one of 340 different disk or tape formats, from an ABC to a Zilog, with new formats being added on a quarterly basis.

As well as more popular systems like Apples, IBMs, and DEC machines, it also includes options for files produced on the likes of BBCs, Triumph Adlers, and Silver Reeds.

The software recognises all the codes used in the various systems, and therefore allows the user to load in material and have it displayed cleanly on the screen rather than as a jumble of illegible garbage. Provided a publisher's editor was processing the file was written under, it could then be edited on-screen and returned to the author for approval or passed direct to the typesetters.

If the typesetters themselves were not able to set the material from the format originally used by the author, then the Multi Media Converter allows the editor to download the material on to any of the other formats and disk sizes available.

The system is not just of use to publishers and printers, however. Software houses can readily convert programs from one format to another, while two of Sweden's big three banks are using the system to make it easier to deal with automated payments from a large range of customers.

InterMedia offers a conversion service - useful if you are thinking of up-dating your system, and will therefore need to convert all your files to go with it. MultiMedia is not cheap at £10,000-plus for the basic hard disk version with no fills, but there is never any good news without bad news, is there?

New dangers in US pact

The computer industry is preparing itself to shoulder much of the costs which are expected to accrue from the worldwide rise in the price of microchips. The anticipated escalation in price will result from an agreement which last week was in the final stages of being struck between the American suppliers of semiconductors and their Japanese equivalents.

That agreement stems from the Americans' obsession with cheap Japanese imports and the Japanese attempt to cater to the US paranoia in the event that the alternative would be protectionism.

The irony is that the effects of this, the "semiconductor accord" will be felt as much by the US computer and electronics industries as by the Japanese.

The war between the US and Japan over semiconductors is almost 10 years old and the US chip makers have lobbied hard in the last year to ensure government support in their attempt to exert pressure on the Japanese. Japan, the manufacturers claim, have been dumping microchips on the US market by selling them at less than cost. Two weeks ago the US companies had their first significant victory with the Commerce Department imposing a duty on memory microchips imported from Japan. That duty ranged from 20 to 300 per cent.

The manufacturers have been seeking a better long-term solution than the imposition of duties, particularly one which will give the industry more stability. The fierce price war in microchips during the last two years, precipitated by overproduction of components because anticipated growth in the computer market was never realised, scared the semiconductor makers.

Many of the principal suppliers

suffered a substantial drop in sales, had to cut their production, lay off workers and close factories. Such unpleasantness have made the semiconductor manufacturers very nervous.

The spiral continued with the computer suppliers savagely cutting prices both in Europe and the US in an attempt to keep market share. Consequently the component suppliers were under more pressure to cut prices.

The stakes are high. Between them the US and Japanese manufacturers supply more than 90 per cent of the world microchips. Texas Instruments, Motorola, National Semiconductor and Intel are in the top 10 and do battle with

will have on the economy may not be the one they seek. The agreement would undoubtedly seek to try and provide a method by which US microchips can penetrate the closed Japanese market. The Americans would seek to benefit through such an agreement by having their components in the many Japanese products invading the US and European markets.

The reality is likely to be quite different. A similar deal was struck about three to four years ago between the Japanese and the Americans on telecommunications equipment supply. That deal, applauded by many on both sides of the Pacific as revolutionary, was not worth the paper on which it was written.

The Americans also have to attract Japanese companies to trade. The Japanese very rarely buy non-Japanese products and invariably only do when there is no Japanese equivalent. Sadly the only way for the Americans or any other nation to fight such attitudes effectively is to convince their home markets to behave similarly.

But the biggest danger to the American economy may be posed not by the supposed Japanese dumping but through the pact formed with the Japanese. The Americans have long prided themselves on a free market economy. The US-Japan agreement could stifle such new businesses by ensuring that only the big boys who are members of the club and can play the microchip manufacturing game.

With little difficulty one might describe such an agreement as the foundations of a cartel. No doubt there'll be someone from the computer world who might see it that way and uphold another American tradition - test it in court. Beware microchip suppliers, the new dangers may be worse than the old.

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

NEC, Hitachi, Toshiba and Fujitsu. The only European in the same class is Philips.

Dr Robert Noyce, the pioneer of microchip design and vice-chairman/co-founder of Intel, has been fighting for a decade allegedly unfair Japanese practices in the US and his views epitomise the fears of the US microchip industry. In a recent published interview he said: "We've been working on this problem since 1977. We have spent a disproportionate amount of time and treasure trying to figure out how to ward off a trade war with Japan while preserving our viability."

Dr Noyce and many other industrialists consider the protection of the home semiconductor market as vital to the US economy.

But the effect that such an agreement

Softclone keeps individual touch

British micro makers, while increasingly bowing to the IBM PC's standard, are using a novel technique that removes the need for the slavish imitation this normally entails, writes David Guest.

The method that they hope will allow them to preserve their individuality is called Softclone. It made its first appearance when Apricot launched the Xen microcomputer in the US last November.

In operation Softclone is like an adaptor that you fit between the plug and the socket to make an electrical appliance work in a foreign country.

Programs written for the PC can be "softcloned" to run on other systems, but any features that make the host computer superior to an IBM PC are not compromised in the process.

It works by building up a map of the points at which a program interacts with a PC - where it accepts data from the keyboard, where it puts characters out to the screen, or accesses a disk.

For a company that wants to make the most popular programs available for its machine, it is a relatively cheap and quick alternative to asking software firms such as Lotus, Ashton-Tate or others

for a customised version of their software.

Softclone was devised by a US company, Control C Software, but in a sense it's a product of the brain drain. The founder of Control C, Andy Johnson-Laird, is a Briton who was once turned down for a job by ICL. Control C now assists ICL in implementing its microcomputer operating systems.

Digital Research is examining the possibility of applying the technique to an operating system not at present suitable for PC programs.

Softclone does not alter the program it is operating on nor does it involve any illegal copying. Under ideal circumstances it can actually enhance a program, according to Mr Johnson-Laird. He cited the case of the popular word processor, WordStar, where softcloning could prevent WordStar hogging the printer - a desirable result especially on a multi-user system.

The technique requires very little memory. It demands a machine with a processor of the type in the IBM PC family, a suitable operating system, and the ability to read IBM-format disks.

Digital Research is not working to a timetable, but ultimately its involvement could have the most far-reaching effects.

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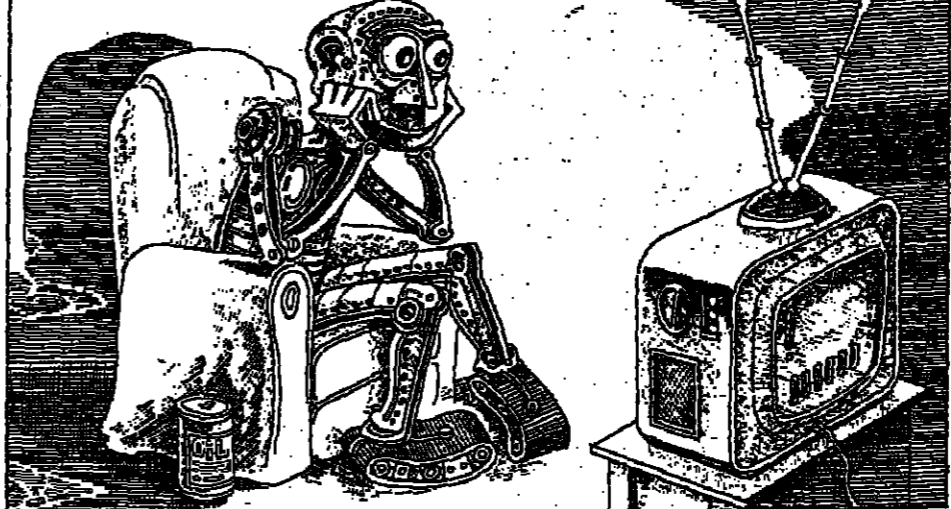
Keeping accounts within the law.

This week's Workshop looks at exemption from the Data Protection Act, when networks will improve the cost of development staff and artificial intelligence. Hedley Vaysey will answer questions in this column on any aspect of business or personal computing. Write to Workshop, Computer Horizons, The Times, 1 Pennington St, London E1.

Our accounts data use gives the firm exemption from registration under the Data Protection Act. However, our new computers may use some sales accounts data to do mailing, so I am told. I believe that this will mean that registration should be made. Is this true? Yes, it is also doubtful if exemption applies. Are you sure that even the current sales accounts data is never used to suggest that calls are made on particular accounts to generate business? Any use for marketing purposes removes the exemption. At £22 for a three-year period of registration, the cost of keeping clear of committing a criminal offence is not high.

WORKSHOP

Our experience of connecting different systems has been frustrating. Eventually the networks can be made to function, but often rather poorly. When will things improve? The satisfactory networking of particular computer patches is unpredictable. The urge to change this is now creating new businesses to deal with the problem. The National Computing Centre and the National Physical Laboratory are trying to pin down what works properly and under what conditions. The Networking Centre, near Slough, is already in operation with advice. It will shortly be doing strict testing for many local network configurations.



A robot like Jeeves

By Martin Banks News is coming out of California that could herald the first glimmerings of real robots, rather than the poor and inept attempts at the genre that have so far appeared. Circuit chips that can process sight and sound in much the same way as the human brain are now in the offing. The chips are the product of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena by Professor Carver Mead, one of the pioneers of VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration) circuit design. This is the black art of getting an amazing amount of electronic circuitry packed into an infinitesimally small space.

Practical aid for the professionals

The Data Protection Registrar is preparing to send out 26,000 information packs to lawyers and accountants in public practice to help them when advising clients about the Data Protection Act. Under the Act all existing computer uses of personal information must be registered by May 11 this year.

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The Kremlin is setting up a computer ministry in a bid to accelerate production and catch up with the West's huge lead. The Politburo decision, published in the Moscow press, said that the aim is to double the production of big computers by 1990 and to make personal computers widely available. The move is the latest of a series of measures ordered by the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to shake up Soviet industry and to redress the imbalance between the Soviet Union and the West.

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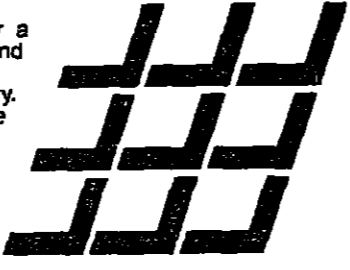
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Lower to ride high on Silver Ace Peatswood Shooter hits bull for Britain

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following emphatic victories at Market Rasen and Plumpton earlier this month, Silver Ace looks a good bet to win the Downs Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase at Sandown Park today and he is my nap.

While conceding that Sandown is anything but an easy test for a relatively inexperienced rider, Silver Ace is clearly a good ride. When he was successful by 25 lengths at Market Rasen earlier this month, Martin Pipe's gelding won a race similar to today's. More recently he won another restricted at Aintree at Plumpton almost as easily, although the winning margin was only eight lengths. At no stage was he in any danger that day.

This explains why his talented owner-trainer went to 5,000 guineas to retain him after he had won a seller at Wincanton in January by 30 lengths. Among the opposing riders today, Michael Bosley, Guy Lander and Clive Cox are all up and coming young men, but I feel that it will be Jonathan Lower who will be able to call the tune on Silver Ace, who is improving and, every bit as important, still at the right end of the handicap.

Later in the day, Special Cargo, the Queen Mother's great Sandown specialist, will be out to win the Alanbrooke Memorial Handicap Chase again and to improve his already remarkable record on the course, which now extends to one victory over hurdles and seven chases.



Silver Ace and Jonathan Lower on their way to an easy victory at Market Rasen

against Western Sunset, Catch Phrase and Haventalight, who all ran conspicuously well at Cheltenham recently. Western Sunset by finishing third in the Calcraft Challenge Cup, Catch Phrase and Haventalight when they finished second and third to Charter Party in the Ritz Club National Hunt Trophy. I just prefer Western Sunset, whose trainer, Tim Forster, hit form with a vengeance at Newbury last Friday when he saddled four winners.

Clara Mountain, another fancied runner from Forster's in-form Lecombe-Bassett stable, tackles Desert Orchid in the British Aerospace Rapier Novices' Chase. Never at his best when going left-handed, Desert Orchid did much better than usual at Cheltenham when he finished third in the Arke Challenge Trophy. Now, back on a right-hand course again, he should prove capable of regaining the winning trail.

The Royal Artillery Gold Cup ought to be won by Prydel, just so long as his recent good run against Special Cargo was not a fluke. Royal Judgment is surely the one they all have to beat in the RMC Group Ulive Open Hunters' Chase.

Peatswood Shooter hits bull for Britain

Mel Britain saddled Peatswood Shooter to lead all the way in the Knighton Maiden Auction Stakes at Leicester yesterday and maintain his sparkling start to the new flat season. He was a winner on each of the first four days and three of them have been juveniles. "It's a marvelous start, but we may be tiring him out now—we'll have to see", the Warhill (Yorkshire) trainer said.

Britain paid only 2,000 guineas for Peatswood Shooter at Newmarket, but this is still 500 guineas more than he paid for his Brocklesby winner, Blenheim. Kevin Darley got a good start on Peatswood Shooter and had the 7-2 shot in front from the start.

Derek Brown, the 24-year-old Liverpool-born jockey, made a winning start on his first mount for the third season running when The Wooden Hut landed the Kingsnorth Handicap at gale-swept Folkestone. Brown, who came into racing when he was 16, said his first mount won at Brighton and in 1985 I had my first ride at Folkestone and won for my boss, David Elsworth, on Sorrellano.

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RUGBY UNION Visit to southern hemisphere yields varied results

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Sydney

Four of the teams who took part in the inaugural New South Wales International Sevens tournament over the weekend here returned to the southern hemisphere on the same flight yesterday. Their feelings about the event, however, differed substantially.

What was the most cause for consternation. Buoyed up by the twinkling Jonathan Davies, they proved to be one of the most positive teams in the tournament, even if they did not, in the final analysis, match up to the advertising hype which suggests that rugby is the game they play in heaven.

England returned severely chastened. Their stock before arrival was not high and it was even lower by the time for departure. They performed the best badly, they lacked speed and they lacked preparation. It may be that England's administrators will say that this was just another sevens tournament, that it had little significance and that team selection was hampered by postponed cup matches.

Fitzgerald the new Barbarian

Ciaran Fitzgerald, who led the 1983 British Lions in New Zealand and captained Ireland to three championship in four years, is one of seven new Barbarians in the squad to tour Wales. The others are Wales's Thorburn and Davies, the England centre Clough, Scotland's Campbell-Lawson, Ireland wing Crossan and Saracens captain Key. The Barbarians play Penarth on Good Friday, Cardiff on Saturday and Swansea on Easter Monday.

Eight countries will take part in the tournament on May 16 and 17 - the four home countries, France, New Zealand, Australia, and either Romania or Fiji. I suspect there will be changes in the Australian sevens squad, partly to relieve pressure on leading players, one of whom, Gould, may miss Hong Kong because of a hamstring injury sustained in the final on Sunday. Glen Ella will not play for Australia there. Believing it unlikely that he would be picked, the acceptable team invitation to play for Papua New Guinea should have been declined, as Scotland and Ireland did. If the event did not mean much to those other countries who are members of the International Board and whose only chance to play on a world stage is tournaments such as this and the Hong Kong Sevens next month.

Hughes in

Jeremy Hughes replaces the unavailable Clive Rees in the London eighth table B and London Merit Table match at Blackheath tomorrow.

Lyon can go

David Lyon, the Widnes and Great Britain Under-21 full back, has been put on the transfer-list at £25,000. Widnes put him up for sale after he was unwilling to play in the forwards in a reserve match.

Speedy Monmouth beat the elements

By Peter Marson

The Diners Club National Schools seven-a-side tournament never fails to invite excitement with its some shape or form, though this is no reflection on Diners Club, the tournament's new sponsors, and yesterday was no exception as the Festival Tournament gathered pace with about 500 boys entering the contest with their forwards as they worked their way through 142 matches in five rounds on three grounds adjacent to the Kingston bypass.

CRICKET Pakistan battle back

Colombo - Sri Lanka, 37 runs behind Pakistan on the first innings, were 24 for two in their second innings at the close of the third day of the third final Test yesterday. Pakistan were all out for 318 in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings 281. A magnificent 122 by Rameez Raja gave substance to the Pakistan first innings. Raja, who came in on the second day with the score at 49 for three, batted for 388 minutes before he was seventh out at 279.

ROWING High wind poses problems

By Jim Raitton

Cambridge abandoned their outing yesterday morning when strong winds swept the Tideway, making it impossible to start. Oxford, on the other hand, chanced their arms along the Hamersmith Reach and survived.

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Today's course specialists

Table listing course specialists for various races including LEICESTER, SANDOWN, and CRICKET.

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle

BBC 1
6.00 Ceefax AM. News, travel and sports bulletins.
6.50 Breakfast. News, sports, Ceefax and Ceefax Extra.

TV-AM
6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen.

BBC 2
8.55 Open University: Energy - Question of Balance. Ends at 7.28. 9.00 Ceefax.

CHANNEL 4
2.30 Film: Rumba! (1935) starring George Raft and Carole Lombard.

Radio 4
5.55am Shipping 6.00 News
7.00 The Archers
7.20 The Farm

CHOICE
Orwell, taking his own road to Wigan Pier. The picture may be selective. But it constantly raises the question of how people in a supposedly prosperous welfare state come to be living in McCullin's phrase, "on the edge of living".

Peter Weymark
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ENTERTAINMENT

OPERA & BALLET
COVENTRY OPERA HOUSE
6.00 Pina Bausch: Blue Room. Ballet, 90 mins.
7.30 The Merry Widow. Opera, 100 mins.

THEATRES
BIRMINGHAM THEATRE
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ART GALLERIES
AGNEW GALLERY
43 Old Bond Street, W1. 021 6176.
MICHAELE CRAWFORD
in BARNUM

CONCERTS
BARBICAN HALL
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